



# The Reel News

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## PRESIDENTS CAST NET *Capt. Robert Vermillion*

I have to say that I'm glad 2020 is gone. With all the struggles, restaurants closed, jobs in jeopardy, people sick, club meeting being cancelled, meeting being held outside, it's been a challenge.

But boat sales have been through the roof. The rivers and oceans have been open, which bring a new challenge with boat ramps full, along with new boat owners not sure how to operate their new boats being a hazard, not knowing the rules of the road, someone at your favorite fishing spot, it can be frustrating, (Editors note - If you run into a new Boat owner give them a hand and invite them to the club!) But life goes on we get up go to work, or fishing or work around the house and we keep pushing through.

We had 2 new members join the club David Sutherland, Ted Morton, we would like to welcome them to the club.

I would like to thank Willie Alexander from Willie's Rod and Reel Repair for coming to the club and putting on his repair seminar. And Santa for stopping by for the kids. we have a full mouth in January board meeting the 1st

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# 2021

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



May the new year present you with lots of good fishing opportunities, calm seas and fair winds.

Here are our wishes for you all to stay healthy and have a great year in whatever your endeavors may be!

## THE EL CHEAPO IS COMING!



## True Christmas Spirit!

JOSFC member Lynne Gokey is paying it forward this rough year, and would like some other members to step up and help her! Here is what she talked to me about at the last meeting, and sent me to post to the club.

I wanted to pay it forward this holiday season and offered a free fishing trip for someone who doesn't have access to a boat. Either inshore or offshore. I put a post on the Jax fishing Facebook page and was overwhelmed by all the responses. I started thinking that maybe I could somehow accommodate all of them. I have recruited 4 other boats so far and would love a couple more. Please consider donating your time, boat and expertise for a couple of hours to make someone

very happy. There are people ranging from disabled vet to cancer patient to ones that simply can't afford anything but bank fishing I have the names and contact information and am getting available times and can match you up with one or two people. I have a couple of club people that offered to help you on the boat with this if wanted. Thank you for considering this. Tight lines! Please text , call or email me with questions or anything!

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Lynne

Presidents Cast Net Continued

Monday of month. we will be working on the EL CHEAPO all this month and next!

For the January 7th meeting, we have Captain Vic Tyson coming to the club. Vic gives a great seminar on inshore fishing.

For the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting we have Luis from Gillz Performance Fishing Gear and Apparel for our speaker!

Don't forget the Swap meet is on the 21st so get all your unused or duplicate gear together and sell or trade it at the meeting.

The Boat Show we be at the prime Osborn on 29th 30th and 31st make sure you sign up for that it is a good time. ( You get in free by working the JOSFC Booth for a couple hours! )

Fishing has been good, the Wahoo bite has been hot with some Dolphin in the mix. Reports of some big Mangrove Snappers, big Triggers and B-liners can be found around the 130 ft mark. Inshore sheepshead are biting strong. Redfish are in the creeks but watch your tides, don't get stuck on the outgoing tide.

Well that it for now let's all hope that 2021 is a better year for us all

Tight Lines

CAPT. Robert Vermillion



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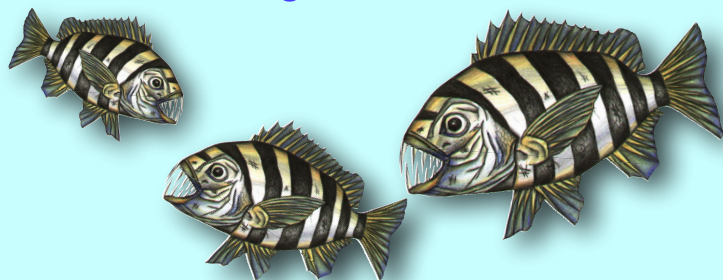


At our last meeting our fishing director handed out a fish slip to this Junior Angler, Peter Stein, for his **52 POUND** Amber Jack!

If you have ever caught one of these Reef Donkeys, you know that they are one of the hardest fighting fish to bring up! That is some catch, Congratulations Peter!

IF you know or can convince anyone you do business with to be a sponsor of the El Cheapo, Now is the time! Oh, YOU can also be a sponsor, just contact Rob Darner to get on board for the biggest, most fun Tournament in the Country!

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### ***MOST-WATCHED BOATUS VIDEOS OF 2020*** ***Top 10 list of practical boat handling and how-to boat maintenance videos***

Learning how to trim a powerboat is a skill that many vessel operators seek to know, and BoatUS video viewership numbers back that up: "[How to Trim Your Boat](#)" was the No. 1 most-watched BoatUS video of 2020. In addition, two other top 10 videos of the year also focused on the topic of boat trim: How to Use Trim Tabs on a Boat and How to Get a Boat On Plane Using Trim. Here are the boating advocacy, services and safety group's [2020 top 10 most-watched BoatUS videos](#):

[www.youtube.com/playlistlist=PLSrVa8gUFaPzJ2KFSIv7XmzViME2CASiO](https://www.youtube.com/playlistlist=PLSrVa8gUFaPzJ2KFSIv7XmzViME2CASiO)

These are really some good videos for new boat owners. I watches all 10 videos and give my stamp of approval!,

They cover such topics as:

- 1- How to trim your boat using the outboard.
- 2 & 3 - How to fix your Boat's Gelcoat.
- 4 - How to DOCK your boat in 4 easy steps.
- 5 - Boat anchoring made simple.
- 6 - How to get your boat on the Plane using engine trim.
- 7 - How to use trim tabs.
- 8 - How to troubleshoot and fix boa trailer lights.
- 9 - Beaching your boat so you can leave again.
- 10 - How to compression test an outboard Engine.

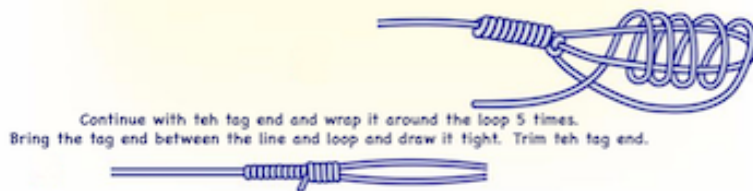
## **Check your hose fittings**

Your Knot for January, the:

## **BIMINI TWIST**

The Bimini is considered to be a 100% knot - providing 100% line strength. It creates a double line with a loop at the end to which a leader can be attached with a loop-to-loop

### **BIMINI TWIST**



## **Bimini Twist Tying Instructions**

- Double the line into a loop and make twenty twists in the end of the loop. Slip the open end over a knee (or both knees or your feet for a long loop) and keep constant pressure on both ends of the loop.
- Lower the hand that is holding the tag end until the tag end slips back over the first twists. Open the angle of the loop and let the tag end roll over the column of twists to the end of the twists.
- After the line is rolled down to the end of the twists, make a half hitch (overhand knot) on the near side of the loop to lock everything in place. Maintain tension on all lines.
- Secure the knot by making 3 to 5 half hitches around both lines of the loop, working from the loop end back toward your knot. Tighten-up half hitches against the base of the knot.
- Clip excess tag end to about ¼ inch.



Life jackets,  
Yeah, I know you  
don't wear one  
most of the time,  
but maybe you  
should consider  
wearing one at least  
while the boat is underway!  
Did you buy that extra  
5lb Fire Extinguisher yet?



# **Gary Newman**

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## Fishing First Aid

This is an important Safety article, and one that most people don't give much thought to.

While there are several things that can cause injuries to us out there, like Fish Hooks, Sharp Knives, Fish Spines, Fish Teeth, ( Here off Jacksonville almost everything has lots of sharp teeth! ) Slips & Falls, ( 3 years ago I stepped on some cast net weights, fell and broke my hip! ) Allergic Reactions and even Heart Attacks. Most of us are NOT prepared with anything more than band-aids!

I am 72 years old, and have now learned through personal experience most of these hazards. ( I must put in here that I am a fast learner and have (( So Far. )) never repeated any of my mistakes! )

Now my first suggestion is to get a **BIG pair of wire cutters**, and test them to make sure that you can cut the biggest hook that is on your boat! The "fishing Pliers" that everyone has or that multi-tool are way too light to cut a big hardened hook. When that little 2' shark you are trying to unhook puts one through your thumb and out the middle of your thumb nail ( Not to say that ever happened to me. ) you will really appreciate getting it out!

Here is a list of items you might want to carry:

**Super glue** - Only when you are hours from shore, it can be used to close big wounds to stem the bleeding.

**Antihistamine** - Benadryl For that allergic reaction.

**Heavy Scissors** - To cut clothing or shoes off if necessary,

**Duct Tape** - Lots of uses for it, use it to make a splint to stabilize an arm, ankle, or any limb. Use your boat hook, gaff handle or even a Rod to make the splint. Put it over a fish spine, wait about 30 minutes and it will usually pull it out! To make a pressure dressing with a **Cloth Diaper** ( A new diaper is cleaner than your 'T' shirt and bigger than any gauze pads you might have.

**Aspirin** - I carry the powdered type that dissolves quickly when placed under the tongue, in case of a heart attack. I also carry **Tylenol** for people with just a headache that are on blood thinners, and **Ibuprofen** as it is also good for most pain.

You might want to have some **Hydrogen Peroxide** in a small spray bottle for those small cuts, punctures and scrapes that are not an emergency, rather just an annoyance.

Oh, you will still want to carry that small regular First Aid kit with the usual band aids, tweezers, first aid cream etc. as that is more likely to be used on any trip than the other stuff, BUT . . . . It never hurts to be prepared!

## THE ENEMY

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world. I have destroyed more men than all the wars of all nations. I massacre thousands of people every year. I am more deadly than bullets, and have wrecked more homes than the mightiest guns.

In the United States alone I steal over 500 million dollars each year. I spare no one, and find my victims among the rich and poor alike, the young and old, the strong and weak. Widows know me to their everlasting sorrow. I loom up in such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor.

I lurk in unseen places and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, yet, you heed me not. I am relentless, merciless and cruel. I am everywhere... in the home, on the streets, in the factory, at railroad crossings, on land, in the air and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death, yet few seek me out to destroy me. I crush, I maim, I will give you nothing and rob you of all you have.

I am your worst enemy... I am . . . . .

## CARELESSNESS.

Here is an article written by Long time Life member Top Ingram that is a very good safety reminder for all off us!

### FUELING

After reading, in the local paper, the recent story about a boat exploding in the intracoastal waterway, I thought it was time to remind everyone about the need to be extra careful when fueling your vessel. Four people, from Georgia, in town for the Florida-Georgia football game had to be rescued when their 26-foot Chris Craft exploded in the Intracoastal Waterway about 2 mile North of the Beach Boulevard Bridge. All aboard were blown into the water and 3 were hospitalized with serious injuries.

After further investigation, it seems that the crew pumped about 20 gallons of gasoline into the bilge before it was discovered that the fuel fill pipe was an old one not attached to a fuel tank. The old tank had been removed and replaced with a new metal one but the old fill pipe was left in place near the new fuel fill pipe. The crew thought they had removed all the raw gasoline and got underway. When they reached the Intracoastal the boat exploded. The number one lesson here is never leave an old fuel fill pipe in place unless it is sealed. The number two lesson is when fuel is spilled, make sure all fumes are removed, not just raw gasoline, before starting your engine.

Also, to ensure that your boating/fishing trip is one that begins and ends safely, take the necessary steps in advance to make sure you do not run out of fuel offshore. Always check to make sure your fuel tank is full before starting a trip offshore. It will not only guard against you running out of fuel, but will also help reduce condensation in your fuel tank. When a partially empty fuel tank cools, some of the water vapor in the air condenses. Thus, when you leave your tank partially empty, you will slowly accumulate water which could cause more problems later.




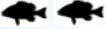









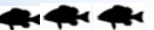
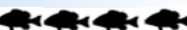













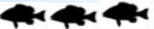
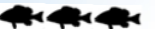




As some of you may already know, it's a horrible feeling to look at an empty fuel gauge after your motor sputters and quits. Keeping a full tank is one way to safeguard against this. Another safeguard is to follow the "one-third rule". This rule says use only one-third of your fuel on your trip out to sea, use one-third on the way back and save one third for reserve.

Why this formula? Why not use one-half out and one-half back? The reason being that the trip back may take more fuel than the trip out. When you go out, the wind and seas may be calm or from astern which would cause you to use less fuel than normal. When you turn around and head back home, you may find yourself now heading into a strong head wind and heavy seas which will cause you to use much more fuel than normal. Forward progress can be slow and fuel consumption high, which could cause you to run out of fuel.

If you start with a full tank, and if you use the one-third rule, you should never have to worry about running out of fuel. Before filling your fuel tank, make sure the engine is shut down and all electrical devices such as fans, navigational devices, radios, motors, generators and lights have been turned off.

To be on the safe side, if an inboard, operate your engine compartment blower for at least five minutes after fueling, and anytime you start the engine. In order to make sure your blower is venting the compartment properly, do not rely on the noise of the motor running, but instead put your hand over the vent to make sure air is exiting the vent. Many times insects will build nest in, and block the vent, so that the only way to know if the vent is working is to put your hand over it to test for air movement. Then, before starting your engine, use the best instrument you have for checking for gas fumes, your mark eight nose to check all compartments for gas fumes by sniffing for odors. Follow these rules and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
January					1 	2 
3 	4 Board Meeting 	5 	6 	7 Club Meeting 	8 	9 
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31 	 The more little fish the better the fishing day - From Sol-Lunar Tables					

**COMING  
EVENTS:**

March 4th - Board Meeting  
March 7th - Club Meeting  
March 6th - El Cheapo  
March 21st - Club Meeting. Swap Meet

### 2021 Offshore Tournament Schedule

	Date	Make-up Date
Sheepshead Tune-Up	Feb 6th	Feb 20th
Offshore Non-live	March 20th	March 27th
Unlimited Trolling	April 10th	April 24th
May Trolling	May 15th	May 22nd
Junior Angler	June 19th	June 26th
Kingfish Tune-Up	July 10th	July 24th
Ladies Tourn.	August 7th	August 14th
Bottom Tourn.	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th

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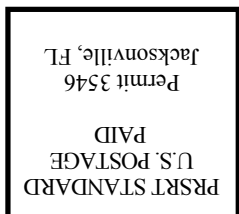
	Date	Make-up
Sheepshead Tune-Up	Feb 6th	Feb 20th
River	March 20th	March 27th
Shrimp only	April 10th	April 24th
Redfish	May 15th	May 22nd
Junior Angler	June 19th	June 26th
Roulette	July 10th	July 24th
Ladies Tourn.	August 7th	August 14th
Flounder	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th



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